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For: DIOLS AND POLYMERIC GLYCOLS IN DISHWASHING DETERGENT

COMPOSITIONS

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Dear Sir:

I, Howard D. Hutton, III, declare as follows under penalty of perjury.

- 1. I received a B.S. degree in Chemistry from the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania at Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and a PhD in Chemistry from The Ohio State University in 1993.
- 2. I am employed as a Principle Scientist by The Procter & Gamble Company, and have been working at Procter & Gamble for ten years. My work in graduate school and at Procter & Gamble has focused on designing products containing surfactants, bleaches, solvents, enzymes and many

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other typical cleaning technologies. I published a number of papers in graduate school relating to surface chemistries.

- 3. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of the above-identified application.
- 4. The area being investigated which lead to the instant invention, was that a single variable addition of one or more of the following:
 - (a) a diol, represented by the formula:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{OH} & R_7 & \text{OH} \\ I & I & I \\ H_2C - (--C - -)_n - C - R_8 \\ & R_7 & H \end{array}$$

wherein n = 0- 3, $R_7 = H$, methyl or ethyl; and $R_8 = H$, methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, butyl and isobutyl; or

(b) a polymeric glycol, represented by the formula:

wherein PO represents a propylene oxide group and EO represents an ethylene oxide group and x+y is from 17 to 68, and x/(x+y) is from 0.25 to 1.0,

to a light duty liquid (LDL) dishwashing detergent composition matrix provides unexpected and significant improvement in protease enzyme stability. The enzyme stability benefit is significant at both ambient and stressed (high) temperatures.

5. Without being limited by theory, it is believed that a diol and/or a propylene glycol provides enzyme-stabilizing benefits by limiting the activity of enzymes in the LDL dishwashing composition during storage. Enzymes require water for optimal performance, thus deactivation is accomplished by reducing the amount of free water interacting with the enzyme by displacing a portion of the water with the diol and/or propylene glycol, which are completely miscible with water. Upon use, the LDL dishwashing composition is significantly diluted with water, thus providing the enzyme with a water environment conducive to optimal activity and performance.

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6. The following table shows data with improved enzyme stability using propylene glycol:

LDL	LDL + Propylene Glycol		
		26.1	26.1
		6.5	6.5
3.0	3.0		
0.5	0.5		
1.5	1.5		
1.0	1.0		
0.5	0.5		
7.0			
-	10.0		
balance	balance		
79%	96%		
70%	83%		
55%	68%		
43%	55%		
	*		
83%	100%		
72%	93%		
	26.1 6.5 3.0 0.5 1.5 1.0 0.5 7.0 — balance		

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